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SUPERB GRAND FINAL MAY OPEN A NEW ERA

— BY PAUL DEAN —

The Sydney Grand Final last Sunday was quite an incredible occasion, filled with all the elements that make soccer such a great game — skill, spirit, atmosphere, goals and the demise of the favorites.

For those colorful, sometimes breathtaking 90 minutes, one easily forgot everything that isn't the best in our game and it took a very hardened cynic not to be swept away by the drama and passion on and off the field.

This was, indeed, champagne soccer, turned on by two of Australia's most tal-

ented teams, doing coming in the faultless battle at a level Sydney and colorful promotion fans had not seen for ion procedures.

The cheering squads, the flags, the rosettes, again fill our terraces ching girls and the and stands; the stuff band all contributed to that would bring back create just the right atmosphere in which the missing thousands.

St. George - Budapest, coming back from 0-2 and hammering APIA 5-2 at the end, may have done much more than just winning the huge silver trophy for a year: they may have helped to start a new era in our soccer.

In the end, one team had to lose. But few who witnessed this final will ever doubt that apart from the mighty Saints, soccer as such also won. And if it is still true that the game is the than 22 players to stage this unforgettable final, it was forth- to come our way soon.

Goalies 'safe' until 1968

The following decisions were made at last week's important Australian Federation Executive Meeting in Sydney:

- The new international goalkeeping rule will not be implemented during the Australia Cup as planned originally. The new law will only be implemented nationally next season.

- The first meeting of the Oceania Confederation will be held in January 1968.

- All State secretaries will meet with the ASF secretary on December 2-3 to discuss the long overdue establishment of a uniform, Australia-wide administrative policy.

- The position of a national director of coaching will be advertised nationally and overseas.

- The Australian Interstate Championships may resume next season, mainly to enable Australian selectors to review the country's top talent for national team inclusion.

- An invitation to send the Australian national "under 23" team to New Caledonia has been accepted.

Australia will take part in a triangular tournament in Noumea early in November with New Caledonia and New Zealand.

The Australians may also play a match in Port Moresby against New Guinea.

The squad will consist of 16 players managed by NSW Federation treasurer, John Thomson. ASF president, Sir William Walkley, will also accompany the team.

- Net profit of the Scottish and Manchester United tours earlier this year totalled \$172,000, of which \$126,000 will be distributed among the State Federations.

- The ASF will advertise for the position of an assistant-secretary.

A preliminary squad of 27 players has been named for the Asian tour selection trials next week.

After three days in Sydney, from October 3 until October 5, the squad will be reduced to 19 players for the five-week tour of South Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia.

The squad (and their ages) is:

Goalkeepers: Ross Kelly (Colessears, Qld.), 22; Roger Romanowicz (Polonia Adelaide), 20; Ron Corry (South Sydney Croatia), 26.

Backs: George Keith (Hakoah Melbourne), 23; Gary Wilkins (Hollandia Brisbane), 22; Alan Marnoch (Hakoah Sydney), 22; Dick Van Alphen (Hakoah Melbourne), 30; John Watkiss (APIA), 26; Geoff Morgan (St. George-Budapest), 18; Stan Ackerley (APIA), 25; Alan Lind (Cottesloe, WA), 20.

Halves: Pat Hughes (APIA), 28; Frank Micic (JUST-Melbourne), 26; Manfred Schaefer (St. George-Budapest), 23; Allan Westwater (Pan Hellenic Sydney), 21; John Warren (St. George-Budapest), 24; Ray Cus (South Sydney Croatia), 26.

The successful NSW under-16 and Melita Eagles coach, Joe Vlasits, has been appointed national team coach for the tour. John Barclay, of Victoria, and Jim Connell, of South Australia, will be the joint team-managers. Brian Corrigan, of Sydney, will be the team doctor, and Lou Lazzari, of Melbourne, once again the masseur. Australia's top referee, Tony Boskovic, of Sydney, will accompany the team and officiate at the Saigon Tournament.



The Cup is ours! This is the joyous expression on the face of Warren and Isaac (top picture) as they are hoisted shoulder-high after the Grand Final. As for Frank Haffey, St. George-Budapest's former Scottish international goalie, he found a unique way of celebrating his team's victory (below). At the final whistle he soared high in the air, right on top of the crossbar, as if he wanted to jump out of this world.



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3. The exact score of the Dockerty Cup Final

will be

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SECTION 13.

These are my forecasts for the Australia Cup matches, to be played on October 7-8. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

Melbourne v. Launceston

Juventus Melbourne v. JUST

APIA v. Juventus Canberra

Lake Macquarie v. Croatia Sydney

St. George v. Pan Hellenic

Latrobe v. Newcastle Austral

Points: 10 points for each correct answer. Maximum possible: 60 points.

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● Closing date for Section 13: 3 p.m., Saturday, October 7.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Total attendance at this year's First Division finals was 48,600 — some 13,500 more than last season. The average per match in 1967 was 12,500 as against 8,750 in 1966. The Grand Final crowd was the largest since 1964 when APIA and St. George attracted 22,500 spectators. Clearer skies last Sunday, however, would almost certainly have swelled the crowd to around the 20,000 mark.

Polonia centre-half DZIA-LACH was discharged from hospital this week after undergoing a cartilage operation.

St. George-Budapest full-back, HERBERT STEG-BAUER returns to his native Austria at the end of the season. The talented defender may be away for a whole year, but intends to return eventually.

RAY BAARTZ may be assisting in Adamstown's coaching scheme, which is to commence in October. Others assisting are star fullback Col Curran, Doug Johns, Stephen Dalrymple and Willie Gallagher.

WALTER TAMANDL returned from Austria last Tuesday after seven months in Vienna.

Learning from past mistakes, BANKSTOWN will retain all their Under-16 Grand Final winning team. Officials are very keen to mould a great side to win promotion next year.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE Football Club will hold their Annual Presentation Dinner at the licensed Soccer Club, Miranda, on Friday, October 13.

NORTH BANKSTOWN's Annual Presentation Day will be held in the form of a picnic at Mauri Bros and Thompson Picnic Ground, Moorebank, on Sunday, October 22.

The St. George-Budapest team this week won the "SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK" award in the "Leader", the biggest suburban publication in the St. George area. This is the first time ever the award went to soccer.

A KO competition will be held at Francis Park, BLACK-TOWN, between October 15 and November 5, on each Sunday, for all-age teams. Participants are Wentworth, Chester United, St. Patricks, Dundas United, Revesby Workers, Gymea United, Qantas and Inter Nepean. A number of business houses have donated trophies for the competing teams.

Don't forget one of the biggest social events of the soccer calendar on Sunday: the 1967 MISS PAN HELLENIC Dinner Dance at the West Side Theatre Restaurant, Illawarra Road, Marrickville.

TIBOR ZUCKERMAN will be the next father in the St. George-Budapest camp: his wife is expecting a baby soon.

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Soccer coaches will be welcome at WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB on Monday, 9th October, when the speaker at 8 p.m. will be Australia's coach against Scotland, Joe Venglos. His subject is "Psychology in Soccer". The regular meeting has been held over from October 2, due to the holiday weekend.

NSW Soccer Coaches secretary BILL VROLYKS asks districts wishing to hold summer coaching courses to ring him on 661-4092. The course is available where at least 25 coaches are in the class. The course runs 13 weeks and costs \$10 per person. Sutherland has already booked, for next January. Coaches involved in the course include Joe Marston, Denes Adrián, Bill Stoevelaar, Dave Wardell, Peter van Ryn, Tiko Jelisavcic, Joe Venglos and Joe Vlasits.

The Honorable Gioachino LAURO was Jim Bayutti's guest at the Grand Final last Sunday. Lauro, a member of the Italian Parliament, is the president of FC Napoli, one of the world's richest soccer clubs. His father, Senator Lauro, was the founder of the famous shipping line which bears his name. Gioachino Lauro told Jim Bayutti Napoli would be agreeable to play eight matches in Australia next year at a very moderate fee. Napoli have such big names as Sivori, Altafini, Zoff, Nardin, Barison and Juliano in their current team. Should the Australian Federation knock back Napoli's offer, Lauro intimated his club would be prepared to negotiate directly with the NSW Federation.

MELITA EAGLES' annual general meeting is likely to be held on the last Sunday of October.

NORTH BANKSTOWN's ladies team, coached by Ron Duncan, had a setback recently — one of the girls is expecting a baby.

ANDY KUN, president of Melbourne-Hungaria, the 1967 Victorian champions, was at the Sydney Grand Final. His comment: "The best match I've ever seen in Australia!"

St. George's UNDER-16 TEAM, beaten 3-0 by Banks-town in the curtain-raiser last Sunday, was not forgotten by the senior club. All players and officials were invited to partake in Saints' monster victory celebration at their Mortdale clubhouse.

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A couple of Italian journalists in Australia for the State visit of President Saragat on Monday, 9th October, when the speaker at 8 p.m. will be APIA vice-president, VIC CAPELLETTO. Their verdict: "Not quite up to Italian First Division standard, but an absorbing thriller packed with action."

Young ELVED PRICE, St. George-Budapest's Welsh winger, has a new job: he is teaching Maths and physical education at a Bankstown High School.

The NORTHERN NSW Grand Final between Newcastle Austral and Lake Macquarie will be replayed at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, on Friday night, following last Sunday's 2-2 result. This is the second replay in the series, Lake and Wallsend having drawn in the final, with the former winning the replay.

KAREL RODNY is almost certain to be the new Hakoah president following the imminent resignation of Sam Fiszman.

POLONIA-NORTH SIDE elected a new president at their AGM last Sunday. He is Adam Rechniewski, who replaces Dr. Rossleigh, who did not stand for re-election. The Polonia vice-presidents are Messrs Rublewski and Chodkiewicz. Secretary Cirach retained his honorary position.

HORNSBY-NORTH END will hold a barbecue at their own ground in Jenner Road, off New Line Road, West Pennant Hills, on Saturday, October 7. This will replace the annual dinner dance. Tickets are being sold at \$1 each and all proceeds will go to Nicky Bastas, the team's centre-forward who broke his leg in a match against Sutherland earlier in the season. Further details from secretary, 84-5669.

SOCCER HOUSE

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Club programme:

Friday, September 29
The Flying Warrens, acrobatic team.

Saturday, September 30
Jan Robinson, pop vocalist.

Sunday, October 1
Hungarian Gypsy Concert.

Wednesday, October 4
Ladies Afternoon: 1.30 p.m.
Games Night: 7.30 p.m.

Coming attraction:
Darryl Stewart on Oct. 15.

Club hours:

Monday—Thursday: 4 to 11 p.m.

Friday: 12 noon — midnight

Saturday: 10 a.m. — 1 a.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. — 11 p.m.

The Dining Room is closed on Mondays.

This information inserted for club members only.

— St. George-Budapest Soccer Club Ltd.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

KO CUP SEMIFINALS

Yugal v. Hakoah — Wentworth Park, 1.15 p.m.

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

KO CUP FINAL

Wentworth Park — 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

AUSTRALIA CUP

APIA v. Juventus-Canberra — Wentworth Park, 1.15 p.m.

St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

Asian tour's match dates

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New rule may give goalies neurosis

The biggest problem of the 1967-68 campaign in Britain is going to result from the International Board's ridiculous decision to make goalkeepers part with the ball after four paces.

Initially this suggestion was acceptable. brought in as a make-weight to balance what seemed to be a situation which would favor goalkeepers IF it was accepted that charging goalkeepers should be banned completely.

Though the laws of the game have always allowed the "fair" charging of goalkeepers in practice it has only been seen in Britain.

Even here it was rare indeed to see a fair charge, for under the laws it is almost impossible to charge a goal-keeper fairly except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Elsewhere there was worldwide agreement that the goal-keeper should not even be impeded let alone charged ... fairly or otherwise.

This summer it seemed at last that the International Board were going to change the laws to protect the goal-keeper, but some people were afraid that this would give goalkeepers the opportunity, and the right, to stop a game stone-dead.

Winning 1-0, a goalkeeper had only to gain possession and then walk round the penalty area, bouncing the ball — and no opponent would be able to challenge him.

To counter this it was suggested that goalkeepers should be forced to part with the ball after four paces, and assuming that charging goalkeepers would be prohibited,

Just imagine it — a goal-keeper on the ground after diving to make a save.

With the ball in the goal-keeper's possession he must get up surrounded by perhaps three or four opponents all eager to hit him.

As the keeper gets to his knees they will close in, as his body straightens the first man will charge him and the keeper will attempt to side-step.

TIPS FOR TRAINERS

Common cold can disrupt a team

By D. Jackson, N.A.T.A. (U.S.A.)

The common cold — and nothing is more common — is as true a menace for our soccer player as for the general population.

The common cold can spread through your squad when you least expect it, causing havoc to team selection and planning.

I feel that most personnel concerned with the health of our players are taking a very intelligent attitude about this problem, although there may still exist in certain quarters several misconceptions about our common cold.

Such conceptions are that colds can be prevented by being in good shape, a cold can be worked off by vigorous exercise.

A soccer player in training is just as likely to catch a cold as any non-player.

We all know that a cold is a respiration infection that is spread from one person to another by coughing, sneezing, talking and contact.

Whether you catch a cold does not depend on the amount of strength and endurance you have developed during training, but more to the frequency and degree of exposure.

If a player has a cold and we subject him to a vigorous workout, an additional burden is placed on the body, when all of its resources are needed to fight the infection.

If the player is allowed to rest, this will help to throw off the cold and its debilitating effects.

Naturally, proper nutrition and general fitness derived from training and sensible health practices must help.

The player with a fresh cold should be made to stay at home, and not take part in training sessions, thus eliminating the chances of spreading the infection in the dressing room and training areas.

Such a policy will help the team as well as the player himself.

Again if coughing and fever persist or any unusual symptoms develop, medical advice must be sought.

There are numerous remedies on the market for a cold, but none are really effective.

No doubt some may give relief, but they don't cure the basic trouble.

Rest in bed, the taking of plenty of fluid and a balanced diet in the acute stage will bring about speedy recovery and have our player back to peak fitness at the earliest.

Always remember the cold could be the early phase of a more serious disease.

LAW XII: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Law:

The paragraph number 5 was altered and reads as follows:

"When playing as goalkeeper —

- (a) takes more than 4 steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played by another player, or
- (b) indulges in tactics which, in the opinion of the referee, are designed merely to hold up the game and thus waste time and so give an unfair advantage to his own team shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free kick to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred."

The second opponent will be on him in the moment that he avoids the first charge and he will be forced once more to take avoiding action, and under sufficient pressure he will concede free kicks for carrying the ball too far.

This undoubtedly is a mistake of the greatest magnitude and already I am sure many professional clubs will be coaching their forwards in the new art of forcing goalkeepers to "carry".

For any body like the International Board to make a mistake of this magnitude is quite unforgivable, and in my opinion it could lead to a strenuous demand from FIFA that the British influence on the Board be diluted.

Kicking the ball will practically disappear from the 'keepers' game now — throwing will become the new order,

and most of the throws will be in panic — a bid to part with the ball before they get hit or get penalised.

And throwing the ball anywhere is hardly likely to help produce skilful or entertaining soccer.

— ERIC BATTY
in London "Soccer Star".

Grand "old" man is youthful 75

More than half a century in soccer — and another couple of decades to come.

This is the story of Marcel Nagy, one of the founders of "Soccer World" and presently our General Manager and Chairman of Soccer World Publications Co. Ltd.

Why bring this up now? Because Marcel Nagy will celebrate his 75th birthday next week — on October 4, to be precise.

A pharmacist by training — he graduated at a German university — Marcel Nagy became active in Hungarian soccer the usual way — by playing.

However, by the early 1920s he switched to the administration side.

In subsequent years he became a councillor, treasurer, vice-president and finally president of the Hungarian Football Association.

In these capacities, until his departure for Australia in 1957, he was one of the Continent's best known soccer identities.

He was a contemporary and friend of such immortals as Hugo Meisl of Austria with whom they jointly dreamed up and started off the Mitropa Cup, forerunner of today's glorious European Cup competitions.

He attended World Cups and Olympic Games as well as countless internationals — usually not as a mere spectator, but as a chief organiser.

During his decades in the whirl of European soccer, he saw some fabulous teams and players.

"The greatest I ever saw was Gyorgy Orth of Hungary in the 1920s," he recalled this week.

"His was an all-round genius, equally at home in any of the 11 positions.

"As a centre forward, he was absolutely unsurpassable, far ahead of later glamor stars such as Schaffer, Sindelar, Sarosi, Piola, Leonidas or today's great cracs."

As for teams, he still has a soft spot for the immortal "Wundermannschaft" of the



Within a year — and without either capital or knowledge of language — he launched "Soccer World".

He had, of course, some wonderful companions — Bob Walker, Arpad Tuson, Mac Jeffers, Denis Adrigan and Tad Targ — but it was his own boundless optimism and energy which made the paper survive the first few difficult and often financially fruitless years.

This was more than nine years ago. Since then "Soccer World" has grown in every respect.

What hasn't changed is Marcel Nagy's interest, youthful energy and passionate love for the game.

And we sincerely hope, all those working with him at "Soccer World", that he will keep astounding everybody with his eternal youth, health and energy for many more years to come.

BRING CUP FINAL BACK TO SYDNEY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

It is not too late for the Australian Federation to switch this year's Australia Cup final to Sydney.

The final this year has been set down for Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Sunday, October 29 — 24 hours before the Australian team flies to Saigon on the first leg of its Asian tour.

The switch would be justified on the following counts: economy, promotion and crowd appeal.

Let's examine those points one by one.

Economy

Since the Australian national team will be assembled in Sydney for a week before their departure for Saigon, the ASF could save both time and money if the Australia Cup final, the day before the team's take-off, were held in Sydney.

There are bound to be players in the Cup final who are also members of the national team, especially if APIA are again one of the finalists.

A Sydney final will save the ASF the airfares of national team members to and from Melbourne and also avoid the last-minute rush of players rejoining their teammates on the eve of their overseas departure.

Promotion

This, we feel, is the best reason for the switch of venue.

The ASF could make a first class promotion of the match and kill two birds with the same stone, so to speak, because the Australia Cup final could also serve to boost the Asian tour.

As the national squad will be based in Sydney the Federation has the opportunity to show the internationals off to the public.

Squad members, in their tour uniforms, could be presented to the crowd at Wentworth Park individually as they run on to the field, or they could circle the ground before the match or at half time.

The television stations could be induced to send their cameras to the ground to film the tourists before their departure.

All this would add to the glamor of the Cup final and would be an added "gimmick" to boost the attendance and gain publicity for the match.

This would be impossible in Melbourne for the simple reason that the entire touring squad will be in Sydney on that day.

Besides, the Melbourne news media would not be bothered with soccer.

If past form is any guide, all the Australia Cup final will rate in Melbourne is a brief pre-match preview on Saturday and a few lines describing the game in the Monday papers.

Crowd appeal

The ASF decided on Melbourne as the venue of the final on the assumption that Olympic Park would draw a bigger crowd than Sydney's Wentworth Park.

We beg to disagree as we feel that only an APIA v. Juventus (Melbourne) Australia Cup final may attract more people in Melbourne than in Sydney.

Any other pairing in the final can draw as big a crowd in Sydney.

If the ASF thinks that Croatia-Melbourne, Hungaria or JUST will draw large crowds in Melbourne against Sydney opponents should they reach the final, they are mistaken.

Any of those teams in a Sydney final, however, would draw a pleasing crowd, if only for their novelty appeal.

May we remind the ASF that the drawing power of Sydney in a Sydney-Melbourne Australia Cup final has never yet been tested.

Every final played in Sydney to date has been an all-NSW affair.

Sydney fans have never yet been invited to a final involving a Melbourne team.

The 1962 (St. George-Yugal) and 1966 (APIA-Hakoah) Australia Cup finals in Sydney attracted crowds of 10,000-plus.

A Sydney v. Melbourne final, as such a final it must be since the draw this year ensures that NSW and Victorian teams can't meet before the final, has excellent prospects of outdrawing the previous finals played in Sydney, especially if APIA or Pan Hellenic make it.

Melbourne attendances have not been good enough this year for the honor of staging every Australia Cup final which has an interstate flavor, or to go to Melbourne.

CELTIC MAY STILL TOUR

In the event of Celtic being knocked out of the European Cup — and this is now a distinct possibility following their shock 1-2 defeat at home by Dynamo Kiev last week — the ASF will re-open negotiations with the Scottish champions for an Australian tour next season.

ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew, said this week that the Federation was still very keen for the Scots to visit Australia next winter.

McAndrew is confident Australian fans will see either Celtic or Real Madrid in 1968.

Should both clubs decline to tour, the ASF will approach the following teams: Rangers, Inter Milan, Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham.

In any case, one of these clubs is almost certain to visit Australia in 1969.

Negotiations with the Swedish FA is well under way for the three-match tour of the Swedish national team next March.

The Swedes will meet Australia in three full "A" internationals: in Sydney, Melbourne and either Adelaide or Brisbane.

The ASF also decided at its Sydney Executive meeting last weekend that a full national team should be invited for a three-match series every spring.

If next year's brief Swedish tour is a success, invitations for the following year will go out to Yugoslavia, West Germany, Hungary, the USSR or Czechoslovakia.

All these countries' national teams would be available at that time of the year because of the winter break in their local competitions.

— Lou Gautier

Former First Grade Player from Greece seeks COACHING position with Sydney club.

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• FIRST DIVISION FLASHBACK

PROVINCIALS DIDN'T TRAVEL WELL IN 1967

— By LOU GAUTIER —

South Coast United's stocks took a nosedive this year when the team crashed from fourth place in 1966 to 11th in 1967.

South Coast's slump didn't come as a great surprise, really, but what did raise more than a few eyebrows was their appalling record away from home.

With the exception of one Ampol Cup game, early this year, South Coast failed to win a single match in Sydney, a worse record than their fellow provincials, Balgownie, had chalked up the year they were demoted from First Division.

United's awful "away" record was symptomatic of their entire approach to the game this year.

Always noted for their defensive methods — a left-over from the Kelly era — they sacrificed everything to defence in 1967, even the meagre public appeal they retained in Sydney.

In Sydney they attracted even less spectators than Cumberland, and at home, at Woonona, their attendances declined further.

A shock semifinalist in 1966 with the youngest ever First Division Federation team, South Coast, while seldom in any real danger of relegation, never raised itself from the bottom rungs of this year's ladder.

Surprisingly, despite the success achieved the previous season, a similar unrestrained youth policy was not adopted this year.

True, the team still had the most locally flavored line-up in the competition, but no exciting new talent appeared as in previous years when Tolson, Nuell and Freeme progressively emerged from the ranks of the thousands of Illawarra juniors.

Lacked talent

South Coast lacked first-class talent, players capable of firing the imagination of a district that commanded a huge following in the days of Kelly, Bernie Harris, Doherty, etc.

Tolson, brought back from Workington, England, earlier in the season, was plagued by injuries and was unable to fulfil, through no fault of his own, the high hopes club officials and supporters were pinning on him.

Here, at any rate, is one great local talent, with all the attributes of a first rate player, who would have been an automatic Australian international a long time ago had he been playing in a more "fashionable" team.

Graham Barnett also returned to the fold this season, assuming the added responsibilities of player-coach.

By instinct a striker, deadly efficient in his heyday, the strain of coaching proved beyond him, and resulted in an unconvincing season in both capacities.

English "import" Harrison, was not up to scratch, even for NSW's slipping standards, while Tristram's end-of-season return to Woonona hardly caused a ripple.

Barnes was a useful, if unspectacular, stopper, unfortunately also injury-

prone, as was Ringland who missed most of the season.

In the final count, three players only gave full satisfaction over the entire season: Barry Salisbury, the club stalwart; goalie Nuell, an under-rated custodian of no mean ability, and young Stephen Davies, the best of South Coast's 1967 local vintage.

Next season Jim Kelly is almost certain to be back at the helm, once again cracking the whip.

Whether he will turn out to be the "Messiah" to put South Coast back on the road to success, remains to be seen.

The team needs an infusion of new players, and new tactics, to bring back the dwindling crowds to Woonona (why not Wollongong, at last?) and regain the prominent position which was theirs only a short few years ago.

CUMBERLAND NO SURPRISE

To say that Cumberland United's relegation came even as a mild surprise would be a kindly exaggeration.

The truth is that Cumberland were considered "certainties" for relegation almost unanimously long before the first ball of 1967 was kicked.

The writing had been on the wall for the Auburn-based club ever since the ill-fated merger with

Gladesville, which achieved practically nothing.

Not once throughout the season did Cumberland look anything but relegation prospects.

In previous seasons, however lowly their final placing, they had managed to win a few vital matches, and at some earlier stage of the competition even occupied a respectable middle-of-the-table position.

But in 1967, they never rose above 10th place, and even that only for a very brief period.

The only bright spots of a depressing season for the Cumberland first graders was a 2-2 draw with APIA and a second round victory over Pan Hellenic.

They ended the season on a significant note last Wednesday week when they suffered another defeat, their most humiliating, at the hands of Manly, who will step into their First Division shoes next season.

An acute shortage of First Division material was painfully evident throughout the year.

Quested blameless

Coach Len Quested was forced to chop and change his team around incessantly in a bid to strike an even remotely effective combination.

Cumberland's failure cannot be laid at Quested's feet: he just didn't have the players at his disposal

which spelt glamor in the late 1950's.

In players like Vincent, Dort, Gary Quested, Allan Richards and Embury, just

to name a few of the more promising, lies Cumberland's hope for the future.

A future which may come to them under the banner of "Auburn", as

there are moves afoot to revert to the old name

which spelt glamor in the late 1950's.

Newcastle match may set trend

Despite their proximity, Sydney and Newcastle will only be meeting for the fourth time since the inception of the Federation on Monday.

Highlights of the season in pre-Federation days, Newcastle-Sydney clashes are very much of a rarity these days.

In the Federation era, Sydney has never lost to Newcastle.

Sydney won 4-3 at the Marks Field in 1961, 3-1 at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, in 1962 and 3-1, again in Newcastle, in an Australian interstate championship, Newcastle having defeated the early competition leader, South Australia, 1-0, two days earlier.

This is how the teams lined up in 1964:

Sydney: Lord; Edwards, Ackerley; Schaefer, Folwell, Scheinflug; Blitz, Smith, Doherty, Watkiss, Reynolds.

The match was played at Newcastle: Gabriel; Doolan, Snedden; Sharp, Garrett, Lloyd; Twidle, Hinchcliffe, Burgoyne, Giles, Paton.

Watkiss scored twice, and Doherty once for Sydney; Burgoyne was the North's lone goalgetter.

The following 18-man Sydney squad has been selected for Monday's match: Corry, Fuze, Lincoln, Ackerley, Schaefer, Scheinflug, Morgan, Westwater, Alagich, Campbell, Giles, Warren, Baartz, Pateron, Blue, Shepherd, R. Cus, Gary Manuel.

— L.G.

Novocastrians want the best

Newcastle fans want Sydney's best XI fielded in the challenge match at Macquarie Oval, Speers Point, next Monday, which is the Labor Day holiday in NSW.

There is a strong feeling in the North that their best side has the answer to any team Sydney can find.

This may, of course, not be based on a comparison of individual skills of the respective players.

It comes right from the heart, however, as to represent the "Steel City" is an honor that brings out the best in its footballers.

— K.G.

• Watch for Lou Gautier's match account next week.

• SECOND DIV. REVIEW

Lane Cove to rise higher

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Bearing in mind that this side only came up from the amateur league this season and was playing the same men of 1966, finishing second last in the competition, while not a success was not a complete failure either.

They started the year very well by holding top teams to surprise draws but injuries sustained by the side told towards the end.

During the whole season, the team won only two games but had five drawn games against such strong opponents as Sutherland and Bankstown.

For most of the year and especially at the beginning, Lane Cove played a blanket defence system which was very hard to penetrate and on the smaller grounds it was nearly impossible to score against them.

"Blanket" defence

The men in defence compared quite well with other sides as they battled courageously against much experienced opponents and the best performances the side produced were mostly on its home ground, Pottery Green.

Lack of thrust in the forward line cost the team many valuable points and in a whole season it could only notch 16 goals while it conceded 50.

The team is well coached by Phil Smith and is looked after by men who love the soccer game, and their great work, with more experience, will surely produce more success in the years to come.

Lane Cove United is to lose Pottery Green as its home ground for next season and will be playing all its home matches at Tantallon Oval, Lane Cove.

The Lane Cove Council has closed Pottery Green to all sports for major improvements, including widening of the ground and surface works such as re-turfing and all should be ready for use again in the 1969 season.

In the meantime, Lane Cove will continue to use the modern facilities provided at Pottery Green, including the clubhouse and committee rooms and all its meetings will take place there.

At this stage, it is too early to say how the side is to be improved for next season but plans are well in hand to strengthen the team, especially in the forward department and it is very likely that when next season starts, Lane Cove will field a new-look line with strikers of considerable ability which would assure a more successful season in 1968.

— Lou Gautier

GRAND FINAL SUMMARY

St. George-Budapest 5 (1): Haffey; Isaac, Hillary, Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman; Stegbauer, Warren, McCollan, Cliss, Fernandez. Coach: L. Hegyes.

APIA 2 (2): Taylor; Van Blerk, Ackerley; Hughes, Watkiss, Bottalico; Campbell, Campana, Blue, Kerklaan, Giacometti. Coach: M. Mazzina.

Scorers: Stegbauer 32 min., McCollan 48 min., Cliss 52, 77 and 84 mins. for St. George; Kerklaan 20 min., Blue 23 min. for APIA.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 16,741.

VALIANT SAINTS STAGE BIG COME-BACK

— By PAUL DEAN —

Beating APIA has never been regarded very flippantly in recent years by their frustrated rivals.

But beating them in a Grand Final, after being 0-2 down, and all but rubbing their noses into the Sportsground's whirling dirt, perhaps belongs to the realm of unfulfilled dreams.

Or rather it used to, until last Sunday, when the all-white clad St. George-Budapest did just that.

Before one goes any further it must be very clearly stated, to dispel any

doubt: APIA never looked like winning.

Indeed, they were lucky not to trail 2-0 after a mere nine minutes when only what then appeared to be APIA's "traditional luck" saved them from certain goals.

Then, literally out of the blue, came the two sudden, soul-destroying goals and many in the crowd must have felt that things will follow the usual pattern:

The Saints attacked, fiercely and ferociously, paving the way for the remote possibility of a come-back from among the dead and all but buried.

Warren was stretching the thin line of APIA defence to breaking point with his dashes; Cliss was creating havoc with his deft through-passes; Stegbauer and Fernandez were threatening on the wings and McColgan was joyfully throwing himself into half and quarter chances that kept menacing the APIA goal.

Behind them the defence steadied their ranks while midfield Sydney's most dissimilar wing half pair tightened their grip on the game.

Schaefer simply couldn't be beaten on the ground or in the air; every time he crashed in the dust, he rose stronger and stronger like a modern Prometheus; on the other flank, the elegant, thoughtful, crisp-passing Zuckerman, cool and unperturbed as if playing at Bondi beach, kept finding the breaches in the APIA wall.

What actually did happen had to happen, according to the eternal law and logic of the game.

Once Stegbauer managed to head in the first of the Saintly goals, following a fumble by Taylor, doubts began to linger on about APIA's invincibility.

In the second half, APIA's game gradually fell to pieces, under the relentless pressure of probing and pounding.

They had one last chance to save the match or at least keep the issue in suspense: at 2-3 Campana fluffed a sitter, slamming the ball into the advancing Haffey from pointblank range.

This, as it turned out, was their last fling to stem the tide and put the fearless upstarts back into their places.

But that magic moment was gone — and now David Cliss, this once much heralded ex-Chelsea pro took the game by the scruff of the neck and proceeded to tear the APIA defence apart.

There were a thousand sound reasons why St. George-Budapest won.

However, the question remains: why did APIA go down so badly?

Their defence, surprisingly enough, was slow from the start and paid the supreme penalty for overdoing the rough stuff and, in the process, gave themselves little time to concentrate on their task.

The APIA forwards, when they had the ball, looked dangerous enough, especially Blue — but for long periods they were either idle, waiting for a pass, or forced to retreat into defence.

FIRST HALF:

3rd minute: Hillary, characterising the tough, no-beg-pardons attitude which marks the entire 90 minutes, is warned by referee Boskovic for his over-enthusiastic tackle on Campbell.

6th minute: The first of three let-offs for APIA in four minutes. Hughes, attempting to find Taylor with a back-pass, instead hits a Saint's forward, and the ball strikes the crossbar before being cleared.

7th minute: The second miss comes a minute later when Watkiss, paying the penalty for over-confidence, allows McColgan to rob him of the ball. McColgan finds Cliss and the former Chelsea player's shot is cleared on the line by Ackerley.

10th minute: Shaken by the variety and speed of Saints' attacking sorties, APIA's defence is all at sea and this time it is the ganging Van Blerk to the rescue, heading the ball over the bar.

15th minute: APIA win their first corner kick of the match on one of the rare occasions they have encroached on Saints' territory in an incident-packed first 15 minutes.

18th minute: Against the run of play, APIA's inside forward Kerklaan draws first blood. The goal typifies the simple, but deadly directness of the minor premiers. Blue's perfectly placed centre, just beyond Schaefer's desperate leap, leaves Kerklaan with a relatively easy task to beat Haffey.

23rd minute: APIA scores again. Morgan, slow to react to the danger of a high, bouncing ball, jumps too late and Blue, having a fine match, slips around and lobs the ball into the net, touching Haffey's despairing fingers on the way.

30th minute: Another slip by Morgan, looking beset by nerves, but Saints' turn for

SECOND HALF:

3rd minute: McColgan snatches Saints' equaliser, running on to a high pass from Warren and heading into the vacant net, with Taylor and other APIA defenders standing as if mesmerised.

7th minute: To the delight of the St. George fans, and the despair of Leichhardt supporters, Cliss, showing the class which has been absent in recent weeks, shoots Saints into the lead with a delicately angled shot which gives Taylor no chance.

16th minute: Haffey, of the boundless acrobatics, again thwarts Campana as the Argentinian slips Morgan and darts towards goal... the ball runs loose, but Campbell's shot is into the crowd behind the goal.

28th minute: Relieving the intense excitement which has built up like a cloud over the Sports Ground, Haffey sprawls full length to save, then lies face down in the dust, ostensibly in thankfulness.

32nd minute: Taylor can only watch helplessly as Cliss crashes home his second goal after a perfect one-two movement with Warren which splits the APIA defence. A great goal!

34th minute: Van Blerk, having tested the patience of referee Boskovic throughout, is given his marching orders, along with Fernandez.

39th minute: With Van Blerk gone, and Campana forced to leave the field with injury, APIA's hopes have turned sour and Cliss rubs salt into the wound with his third goal. Getting an immaculate pass from McColgan and drawing out Taylor, he angles his shot past the despairing Bottalico and Watkiss; the latter finishes spreadeagled in the net.



APIA's "captain courageous", Filippo Bottalico, had his hands full with the nippy St. George forwards last Sunday. He is shown here displaying typical determination in a tussle with Herbert Stegbauer (left).

GREAT CONQUEST BY TEAM EFFORT

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The St. George-Budapest team, en bloc, rose to the occasion magnificently in last Sunday's Grand Final.

Their's was the triumph of stout-hearted team-work, courage and abnegation — a first class effort in which all 11 players shared equally.

APIA, on the other hand, suffered shock reverses of form, and only a handful of their star-studded line-up gave entire satisfaction.

This is how we rate the performances of the 22 players and the referee of this memorable Grand Final:

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST:

APIA

HAFFEY may have been partly responsible for APIA's first goal, but after 25 minutes he reigned supreme, both in the air and in his 18 yards, and his anticipation was first class.

ISAAC did a lot of work. Marked his winger closely and rarely allowed Giacometti to get the better of him.

HILLARY confirmed his improved form with an intelligent rearguard action which kept Campbell guessing for the entire match. Unbeatable in the second half, he was among Saints' brightest stars.

SCHAEFER played himself into the Australian team. Not only did he give his usual lion-hearted, fierce tackling display, but he laid on a steady flow of constructive passes for his forwards. A stirring performance.

MORGAN, after a shaky start, improved by leaps and bounds and acquitted himself creditably in the second half when he gained in confidence as the match swung Saints' way.

ZUCKERMAN was at his elegant, constructive best and played a major part in Saints' vital third goal. Covered a lot of ground and displayed his usual flair for dangerous openings.

STEGBAUER, so mediocre on the wing in recent weeks, was the surprise of the match. Played like a modern winger and was a constant threat to APIA's defence.

WARREN played a real skipper's game and symbolised St. George's rousing comeback. Never gave up when APIA led 2-0 and led his troops from the brink of defeat to glorious victory. On Sunday's inspiring display, he probably clinched the captaincy of the national team.

MCOLGAN played his best game since his arrival. Always on the move, he gave Watkiss a torrid time whenever he got the ball. Played his role of spearhead to perfection.

CLISS' hat-trick made Saints' Grand Final triumph possible. Quiet in the first half, he "exploded" after the interval and loomed larger than life in the last half hour. His display, and hat-trick, will rank among the greatest exploits of any Grand Final.

FERNANDEZ also played his part in Saints' victory with some dashing runs down the wing. Paradoxically, he played better in the first half. Somewhat unlucky to be ordered off with Van Blerk.

TAYLOR was never comfortable in the APIA goal. Directly responsible for two goals he reigned supreme, both in the air and in his 18 yards, and his anticipation was first class.

VAN BLERK should have been sent off long before the 79th minute as he engaged in dangerous play almost from the kick-off. Why a player with such undoubted ability will insist on being so reckless remains a mystery.

ACKERLEY is the only player whose reputation emerges unscratched from the Grand Final debacle. The only APIA defender who retained his poise when their rearguard disintegrated.

HUGHES ran out of stamina early in the second half, did not control the midfield as he does so well usually and gave up the chase in the dying stages.

WATKISS played his least impressive game since switching to centre-half. Often beaten to the punch by McColgan, he appeared ill at ease throughout and one had the feeling that APIA might have performed better with the big fellow at centre-forward.

BOTTALICO did not abandon the sinking ship and desperately attempted to rally his routed defence in the last 20 minutes. Showed great courage in the face of adversity.

CAMPBELL, apart from a few bursts down the wing in the first half, was rarely in the match and never justified his high rating.

CAMPANA, a passenger for part of the second half, was not in one of his genial moods. Only an inspired Campana might have turned the tide for APIA in the second half. This was certainly not the case last Sunday when the Argentinian ace played largely a passive role.

BLUE, the best forward on the field in the first half, was less prominent after the interval, but was still, by far, the best APIA attacker.

KERKLAAN did precious little apart from scoring the first goal. Filled an ill-defined midfield role which served no purpose.

GIACOMETTI did not reveal his characteristic flair for goals. The well drilled St. George defence rarely allowed him any openings, thus eliminating one of their main threats.

Referee A. BOSKOVIC had an unenviable task controlling one of the toughest Grand Finals on record. Under the trying circumstances he acquitted himself very well.



ROUND THE WORLD

Gold medals for internationals

France is likely to follow the Italian and West German practice of scrapping payments for international matches. The French Players' Union is expected to agree that internationals in the future only receive a gold medal to commemorate an international match instead of a set match fee. Both the French FA and players seem to agree that the honor of playing for one's country should be deemed a priceless honor.

African Nations' Cup

The African Nations' Cup is well under way. All eight group matches will be completed by October 20. Current group leaders are Senegal, Guinea, Algeria, Ivory Coast, Uganda, UAR, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa (Leopoldville). All those nations are expected to qualify for the quarterfinals. Algeria, coached by Frenchman Leduc, the UAR (Egypt) and Congo-Kinshasa, whose manager is the Hungarian Ferenc Csanadi, are the joint favorites for the African title.

Hot Brazil

A new rule stipulates that players must have 72 hours rest between matches. The months of December and January are now officially declared "too hot" — even trainings are disallowed.

Cantwell may leave Manchester

Noel Cantwell, the 34-year-old Manchester United veteran who toured Australia with the English champions earlier this year, may be appointed assistant-manager at Aston Villa. Villa's manager, Cummings, claims he can't cope alone and is very keen to call on Cantwell, current president of the English Players' Union.

Bundesliga draws well

The West German Bundesliga (National League) attracted 26,526,466 paying spectators in its first four seasons. Since its creation in 1963, 1,092 matches have been played, drawing an average of 24,292 spectators. VfB Stuttgart, despite consistent lowly placings in four years, have drawn the most spectators, 2,064,586, to their home matches; followed by Hamburger SV (1,877,295), Munchen 1860 (1,783,766) and FC Koen (1,779,879).

More trouble in America

Relations between the rival soccer leagues in the United States have reached breaking point. Just when a compromise appeared certain, the situation has worsened. The NPSL (breakaway league) has just sued the United States Association and FIFA for \$8,000,000 for slander and malpractice. The American "rebels" have reported a loss of nearly \$5 m. in their first year of operation, but are prepared to carry on for another two years.



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Former Corinthians (Sydney) boss Frank Broome is now manager of Exeter City, in Fourth Division. Broome returned to England a few months ago and promptly — and loudly — ran Aussie soccer into the ground. Now he is in trouble: Exeter had an atrocious start to the season, having secured one point out of four matches.

● Inter Bratislava, formerly Red Star, inaugurated a new stadium in the Slovakian capital capable of accommodating 55,000 spectators. An international match may soon be played at the still unnamed brand-new ground.

● Juventus were eliminated from the Italian Cup after being held to a 0-0 draw by lowly Varese at home. Varese got through to the next round after winning the toss of the coin after extra-time. Varese is coached by Picchi, the former Inter Milan international.

● Holland's newest sensation is FC Twente's 20-year-old centre-forward, Van Dyk. The youngster, only a Second Division player last season, is the current top goalscorer in the country with nine goals in six matches. Van Dyk is expected to make his international debut against Denmark in a fortnight.

● Gomes Djalma, a Portuguese "B" international goalkeeper who plays for Belenenses, has moved to South Africa to join Hellenic Capetown, Jimmy Pearson's club.

● Celtic and Racing Buenos Aires will play their Intercontinental Cup matches on October 18 at Hampden Park, and on November 1 in Buenos Aires.

● The three Chilean clubs with Anglo-Saxon names — O'Higgins, Everton and Green Cross — are fighting at the foot of the First Division ladder to stave off relegation. The championship is certain to be won by Universidad Chile or Colo Colo.

● Gunther Brocker no longer coaches Werder Bremen. His replacement is 54-year-old Fritz Langner.

● There is a good chance that famous Czech star Josef Masopust, may get a free transfer at the end of the season to play for St. Trond in Belgium, where the 37-year-old international has many friends.

● Lothar Emmerich, the West German international winger, has been fined \$600 for abducting a salesgirl in his car recently and attempting to force his attentions on her.

● Doug Millward, the former St. Mirren (Scotland) team-manager, has been sacked by his American club, Baltimore Bays. The Bays' next manager is likely to be the former England skipper Johnny Haynes.

● Espanol, CF Barcelona's great local rivals, have bought the 19-year-old Argentinian "B" international, Ignacio Santamaria, from San Lorenzo.

● Ron Flowers, Wolverhampton's English international halfback, has been transferred to Third Division Northampton for \$37,000. Flowers scored seven goals from penalty-kicks for England.

● Swiss soccer is drawing record crowds since the start of the new season. The average First Division attendance per round this year is 66,000 spectators, compared to 56,500 for the whole of 1966-67.

● Soccer is by far the most popular game in West Germany. Official figures released by the West German Sports Council revealed that 2,487,364 people held soccer registrations on September 1.

● Delegates from 31 associations met in Baden Baden, West Germany, last week to discuss problems pertaining to junior soccer in Europe.

● The Rumanian national team defeated a selection of Tel Aviv clubs 3-1 in Bucharest last week.

● Vojvodina, the Yugoslav club, asked FIFA to intervene to the Algerian FA. The Yugoslavs still haven't been paid for their appearances at the Algiers-Oran tournament last March.

● Turkish clubs, too, are wooing Swedish players. Izmir's president, Medim Sirel, is now visiting Scandinavia to negotiate with Turesson (Hammarby). Roensson (Orgryte) and Davidsson (AIK).

● England's Sir Alf Ramsey announced officially last week England was booked to play four matches in eight days in Mexico in June 1969 — just one year to the day before the 1970 World Cup finals.

● With the season barely under way, Glasgow's Celtic have already attracted 760,000 spectators to their 12 matches to date.

● In a special programme to herald the introduction of color TV in West Germany, Bobby Moore, Eusebio, Seeler, Fritz Walter, Beckenbauer, Masopust and Puskas were invited to Berlin to demonstrate their ball control in a special program.

● Spain and Czechoslovakia will meet on Sunday. ● Former Blackpool and Scotland forward Jock Dodds has joined ex-team mate Bill Perry on the Board of Lancashire Combination club, Fleetwood.

Unpopular Austrian team-manager

Austrian team-manager and sole selector, Erwin Alge, was booed off the field after Austria's recent 1-3 defeat by Hungary. The Austrian crowd blames Alge for their national team's string of recent defeats. They claim Alge, a native of provincial Vorarlberg, is biased against Viennese players, once the mainstay of every national team. Alge, against Hungary, did not select one player from FK Austria Wien — the first time the famous Viennese club failed to provide a player to the national team. In view of the Viennese crowd's angry reaction, Alge has asked the FA to stage the Austria-Finland European Nations' Cup match at Linz instead of Vienna. Should the Austrian FA agree, this will be the first international match ever played outside Vienna.

Yashin chalks up 500

Lev Yashin, the great Russian goalkeeper, played his 500th match two weeks ago against Spartak Moscow. The Dynamo Moscow 'keeper played his 500 games in the following events: 261 in the First Division championship, 21 in the Cup, two in the Spartakiad Games, one in the "World" XI, three in European selections, 67 for Dynamo in international club matches, 78 in the Soviet national team and 67 in various Moscow and USSR composite combinations. Yashin is the third most capped goalie in the world. Only Gilmar, Brazil, 88 times an international, and Hungary's Grosics (84) have a better international record.

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONALS: Denmark v. Norway 5-0; Austria v. Finland 2-1.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Celtic v. Dynamo Kiev 1-2 (Glasgow); Karl-marxstadt (East Germany) v.

(Belgium) v. Aris Salomon (Greece) 3-2 (Liege); Dynamo Pitesti (Romania) v. Ferencvaros (Hungary) 3-1; Atletico Bilbao Spain) v. Frem Copenhagen (Denmark) 3-2.

BELGIUM: Bruges v. Charleroi 1-0; Daring v. Liege FC 3-1; Anderlecht v. Waregem 5-0; Beveren v. Antwerp 0-1; Beerschot v. Lierse 2-4; Standard Liege v. St. Trond 2-2; Olympic Charleroi v. Malines 0-0; Beeringen v. Racing White 4-3.

FRANCE: Red Star v. Lens 3-2; St. Etienne v. Nice 2-1; Ajaccio v. Metz 2-1; Aix v. Sedan 4-2; Lille v. Angers 2-1; Monaco v. Lyon 2-1; Rennes v. Sochaux 1-1; Bordeaux v. Nantes 6-2; Marseille v. Rouen 2-1.

HOLLAND: Telstar v. GVAV 0-3; Go Ahead v. DOS 7-1; ADO v. Feyenoord 3-6; Fortuna v. Volendam 5-0; NAC v. DWS 1-0; Ajax v. Sittardia 4-0; NEC v. MVV 4-2; Sparta v. FC Twente 0-0; Xerxes v. PSV 1-2.

ITALY: Brescia v. Cagliari 2-1; Fiorentina v. Varese 3-1; Inter Milan v. Roma 1-1; Juventus v. Mantova 3-1; Vicenza v. Torino 1-0; Napoli v. Atalanta 1-0; Spal v. AC Milan 1-4; Bologna v. Sampdoria 2-1.

PORTUGAL: Braga v. Benfica 0-1; CUF v. Sporting 0-1; Tirsense v. Porto 1-3; Setubal 0-0; Barreirense 8-0; Leixoes v. Varzim 3-0; Belenenses v. Guimaraes 3-2; Sanjoanense v. Academica 0-0.

SPAIN: Real Sociedad v. Malaga 0-0; Bilbao v. Barcelona 0-0; Atletico Madrid v. Elche 2-1; Betis v. Sabadell 2-3; Zaragoza v. Real Madrid 0-0; Valencia v. Cordoba 5-0.

SWITZERLAND: Bellinzona v. Young Boys 0-1; Biel v. Grasshoppers 1-3; Chaud-de-Fonds v. Servette Geneva 3-1; Lausanne v. Lucerne 5-1; Sion v. Lugano 2-0; Young Fellows v. Grenchen 3-1; FC Zurich v. Basel 1-4.

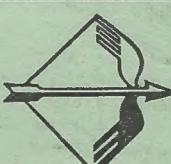
YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star v. Vardar 1-1; Vojvodina v. Proleter 3-0; Radnicki v. Partizan 3-1; Rijeka v. Zagreb 2-2; Olimpija v. Zeljeznica 2-2; Sarajevo v. OFK Belgrade 2-1; Hajduk v. Velez 4-1; Dinamo Zagreb v. Maribor 4-1.

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HELLAS MAY FINALLY GET THEIR FIRST CUP

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

It's a South Melbourne Hellas v. Slavia final for the 1967 Dockerty Cup which will be played this Sunday at Olympic Park at 3 p.m.

Hellas also have a big interest in the curtain-raiser, as their reserve side meets that of Polonia at 1 p.m. in the final of the Harry Armstrong Cup Final.

Last weekend's giant-killers, Sunshine City were brought back to reality when they were ran into the earth and actually flattered by a 3-0 defeat by Slavia.

The Slavia scorers were Rainey, Reid and Jurecki.

In the second semifinal a disputed goal by Kokinos saw the cup holders, Hakoah, knocked out by South Melbourne Hellas who are chasing their first competition win in cup tie soccer.

Hakoah players hotly contested referee Straface's decision to allow a goal when Kokinos scored, protesting strongly he was off-side.

Banned from the Australia Cup, Hellas will be

flat out to gain some consolation and remedy their lack of cup success when they face Slavia.

It won't be an easy task for Hellas to succeed where so many times they have failed.

Slavia, despite inconsistency in finishing, have a defence which is second to none in the State League and seldom guilty of gifting goals.

Hellas, in top gear, have an all-action attack, but in the past few games they have not been firing on five cylinders.

Their rearguard is suspect in more than one position and unless this department can produce a better than average performance, they could be in trouble even against the sometimes futile Slavia forwards.

Slavia, with the exception of Jones at right-back

who is only a stop-gap in this position, have few equals in the State League in defence.

However, lack of devil up front has for the past two years killed their league title chances.

Slavia are a cup-tie side; they won the Australia Cup in 1963, the Dockerty Cup

in both 1964 and 1965, and were only pipped in the final of the same competition last year by Hakoah.

With more enterprise and a gambling nature, two qualities which win cup finals if ability is equal, Hellas should lift the 1967 Dockerty Cup, but it won't be easy.

OLYMPIC PARK MAY BE LEASED IN 1968

Dissatisfied with the weekend fixture arrangements by the State League Management over the past two seasons, the Olympic Park Trustees have thrown the onus on the Victorian Soccer Federation by announcing that Olympic Park will be advertised for tenders of lease for the 1968 league season.

This is seen as an indication that the Trustees are likely to receive individual applications from some State League clubs who at present are not satisfied with their present abodes or

in fact, have none.

This could present an embarrassing situation for the Federation if, in fact, clubs are granted a lease.

The breach between the Federation and the Park has been fermenting for the past two years.

The Trustees have warned both the Federation and the State League Management Committee on several occasions that unless a drastic revision of the fixtures for the weekends were made, it would be curtains for the Federation for State League games and club applications would receive "sympathetic consideration."

Unfortunately for the Federation, the State League and their fixtures committee have not heeded the warning despite the fact that a long standing promise had been made, at least according to the Trustees, that the main weekend games of the State League rounds would be scheduled for Olympic Park.

Attendance slump

The Olympic Park Trustees claim that since 1962 the State League attendances at Olympic Park have dropped by over 150,000.

If one cares to work out the resultant drop in revenue during the same period the Trustees have lost a "packet."

Indications are that several State League clubs may be shy of applying in case the Federation reorganise the league set-up which would not include Olympic Park.

On the other hand, it is certain some clubs will apply.

I have a strong feeling that if one club could be wooed they would get it without question.

And this club, together with another well known club, who is also likely to apply, could become the joint lessees of Olympic Park for 1968.

Unless, of course, the situation is resolved at discussions which are likely to take place between the Trustees and the Federation in the near future.

— Bob Low

BIG TWO SHOULD CLINCH BERTHS

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

First Division champions Juventus and Federation Cup winners WA Hellas should qualify as SA's Australia Cup representatives in Saturday's elimination games.

Juventus will play Polonia at Hindmarsh and Hellas will tackle Croatia at the Olympic Sports Field.

Both face tough games following last week's bruising Federation Cup Final.

Polonia pushed Juventus to the limit before losing 1-2 in a cup semifinal.

Polonia were not as consistent in league games as either Juventus or Hellas but on their day they are the best ball-playing team in SA.

Juventus could not beat Polonia in either league fixture and they will be mindful of the fact that Polonia were the only team to defeat Hellas in league games.

Polonia captain Rick Hamence will play his 99th senior game on Saturday.

His team will have benefited by their lay-off but my tip is that Hamence will have to wait until next season to complete his century.

Croatia, without key forward Billy Birch, could turn their clash against Hellas into a dour, defensive struggle.

Birch has to serve a one match suspension and it is on the cards that Croatia will settle for a draw in an effort to force a replay on Wednesday night.

A purely defensive outlook could backfire because Hellas can switch to all-out attack with the expected return, after injury, of strikers Tony Batchelor and May Kilishiri.

ADELAIDE PROGRAM
Saturday, September 30.
Australia Cup Eliminations.

Hindmarsh Stadium
Juventus v. Polonia.
Referee: Bill Hosie.
Olympic Sports Field
WA Hellas v. Croatia
Referee: Mick O'Malley.

"Penalty final"

The 1967 SA Federation Cup Final will go down in the annals of soccer history as the "penalty final."

West Adelaide Hellas were awarded two penalties in a seven-minute spell and gained an own goal decision to score a hollow 3-0 win over Adelaide Juventus last Saturday.

Both penalties were "doubtful" but despite the manner of their goals there can be no doubt that Hellas were the better team.

Hellas won because of their superior tactics and because they had a better Cup Final approach.

The loss ended Juventus' hopes of completing the big treble of Ampel Cup, Premiership and Federation Cup.

The final was a tactical triumph for Hellas coach Tom Forde who successfully blotted out the Juventus attack by the intelligent use of close marking defenders.

Juventus managed five sizzling shots at goal but they were brilliantly saved by former Greek international goalkeeper, Peter Tsitsos.

The disturbing aspect from an Australia Cup viewpoint was that Juventus had no tactical answer to anything Hellas attempted.

The only move tried by coach Alec Byrne was to substitute Syd Rossetto for Joe Serafini to allow Nilo Rusalen to switch to attack.

The move was born of desperation rather than

inspiration.
Rusalen, like his team mates, could not penetrate the superbly disciplined Hellas defence.

Summary:
WA Hellas v. Juventus 3-0 (1-0).

Scorers: Pantelis 44 and 51 mins, (2 penalties), Mill 75 mins. (t.o.g.).

How they lined up:
WA Hellas: Tsitsos, Marusic, Kefaloudis, Worthington, Burdett, Forde, Pantelis, Solopotias, Zervas, Irwin, De Lyster.

Juventus: Horvath, Mill, Baggio, West, Rusalen, Perin, Serafini, Cruz, McColl, Meneghetti, Herczeg. Rossetto replaced Serafini 65 mins.

Referee: Dennis Grant.
Crowd: 6,500.

'SEASON WORKERS' UPSET MAKEDONIA

Unlucky Makedonia, relegated to the First Division after a year in the State League after spending a lot of money on the local market for Tom Stankovic of JUST, Ian Currie of Croatia and David Short of Slavia, are up in arms against the Federation.

Trouble is that Alexander, who just escaped the hatchet at the expense of Makedonia and who in former years brought players from overseas and interstate during the last few games to save their skins, have once again put it across the Federation in the usual fashion.

As in previous seasons, Alexander, towards the end of the 1967 league season, when they were firmly implanted on the bottom, brought four new players of top class experience from Greece.

They had been warned by the Federation in 1966 that loopholes to prevent this annual last minute "boost" would be declared illegal and were further reminded that if they did bring new players they would have to stay put with the club for at least a year after arrival.

Of course, this has only proved hot air as usual and no one is surprised or even disappointed — except Makedonia.

Hellas won because of their superior tactics and because they had a better Cup Final approach.

The loss ended Juventus' hopes of completing the big treble of Ampel Cup, Premiership and Federation Cup.

But in the past they have not done so and nothing has emerged which will alter the situation on this occasion.

No wonder Makedonia, who spent big money on the local market doing the right thing are hostile.

They have every right to be. But there's nothing they can do — or can they?

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ITALIAN PRESIDENT TO SEE MELBOURNE MATCH

Given favorable weather the Juventus and APIA challenge match at St. Kilda Cricket Ground, today (Thursday) could draw a huge crowd.

The Italian President, Signor Giuseppe Saragat will be in attendance and presented to the Italian community instead of as originally being set down to meet 2,500 selected Italians at the Melbourne Town Hall.

The afternoon proceedings will start off with a match between Azzurri and the Juventus juniors and the Juventus-APIA match will be stopped on the arrival of the president so that he can be officially introduced.

A mixed choir of 100 Italian singers and an

Tornadoes for Adelaide

The SA Federation has agreed in principle to an SA v. Dallas Tornado match on January 17.

The American team's administrative advisor, Paul Waters signed an agreement to play the game when he was in Adelaide last Saturday.

Watch for our special two-page, Australia Cup lift-out next week.

Juventus A.C.T. win

Juventus beat Croatia 3-0 in the Canberra Federation Cup final last Sunday.

Juventus will play against APIA in the Australia Cup at Wentworth Park next Sunday week.

The match will be the curtain-raiser to the St. George-Pan Hellenic match.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BANKSTOWN DESERVED GRAND FINAL WIN

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Bankstown won the 1967 Grand Final with a solid display of forward-defence understanding.

It was a great day for coach Nelson Stiffle, who not only coached the side to victory, but also played a big part in Bankstown's win with his superb ball distribution.

Sutherland, who hardly put a foot wrong in the play-offs, went down gallantly after putting up a big struggle and Bankstown's win was never safe until the final whistle blew.

Bankstown held a decided advantage in the forwards throughout the match, and when on the attack were more dangerous, but Sutherland, playing with two reserve fullbacks, contained their opponents.

Right from the start, Bankstown went for an

early lead and, after some good moves, Stiffle's drive from the right flank was turned over the bar by Pines when the game was only three minutes old.

Play continued to be mostly in midfield until the 16th minute when Turnbull from close range, and with only Pines to beat, saw his shot miss the target by inches.

At the other end, Sutherland came very close to taking the lead when a perfect cross by Bibbing was headed over the bar by Roach.

Then came the goal that gave Bankstown the Grand Final when Roger Bamforth, from a free-kick a good 35 yards out, sent in

a screeching drive that hit the left hand post on its way to the net just before half time.

After the interval, Bankstown nearly went further ahead when Stiffle, from close range, had a hard shot at goal and Pines for Sutherland made the best save of the match.

Bankstown were unlucky not to increase their lead as on at least three occasions, twice by David Tansley and once by Turnbull the ball hit the bar and rebounded into play.

Sutherland's half-back line of Shrubsole, O'Reilly and Griffiths worked hard throughout the match and were the mainstay of the side with Sam Cucitti and Bobby O'Brien doing very well in the forwards.

Hinksman was a tower of strength for Bankstown. He was well assisted by fullbacks Jamieson and Fitzgerald; Tansley and Roger Bamforth.

Incidentally, Bamforth's winning goal was his seventh in the semifinals and final.

Details:

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; McDermott, Hinksman, White; Stiffle, Madden, Bamforth (1), Tansley, Turnbull.

Sutherland: Pines; Turner, Watts; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Bibbing, Corfield, O'Brien, Roach, Cucitti.

Referee: H. Parsons. Linesmen: T. Davies and P. Rampley.

Adelaide trip eye-opener

Eddie Turnbull, manager of the Sydney CHS team which toured South Australia, has nothing but praise for the football of the South Australian teams, and for the arrangements made in Adelaide for the NSW visitors.

In 1966 NSW won two and drew one of the "Tests."

This time Adelaide had the best record, winning two, with one drawn.

The difference between the sides in Adelaide was the elusiveness and dash of the home forwards.

As Sydney fielded such tremendously talented footballers as Ray Rootsey, Gary Brack, John Hargreaves, Wal Wolowyczskow, Vic Lowry, John Yaager and Geoff Shepherd, Adelaide's performance earns top rating.

Sydney defenders Rootsey, Hargreaves, and Shepherd excelled during the five-match tour.

The Sydney-Adelaide matches have now reached a standing that they are likely to provide a class of soccer that neither Queensland nor Victorian schoolboys will match over the next few years.

— Keith Gilmour

ALITALIA CONTEST

"TOP FOUR" FORECAST STUMPED MANY READERS

M. Jamieson of Georges Hall and T. Fixler of Bellevue Hill achieved the highest score in Section 2 of the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers' Contest.

Both readers tipped 12 of the 20 "top four" placings in five States correctly.

Unfortunately, both did not fare as well in subsequent questions, and are out of the running for the Alitalia trip to Italy.

Mrs Sophia Michopoulos of Pagewood is still a clear leader, 30 points ahead of another woman contestant, Carol Laws of Kings Cross.

Next week we will publish results of Section 11 (the result of the Sydney Grand Final) and a progress tally of votes in the players' popularity poll.

Section 2 results

120 points: M. Jamieson, Georges Hall; T. Fixler, Bellevue Hill.

110 points: L. Bordacs, Nth. Sydney; D. Dimitroff, Marrickville.

100 points: C. Laws, Kings Cross; S. Michopoulos, Pagewood; P. Tsoris, Nth. Adelaide; S. Biazzo, Croydon; M. Krecic, Hawthorn (Vic.); B. Miotti, Marrickville.

90 points: A. Nacarella, Marrickville; A. Richter, Newtown; N. Peters, Kingsford; P. Mladenovic, Milsons Point; P. Ormai, Elizabeth Bay; B. Papic, Ryde; J. Juric, Leichhardt; M. Iacozzi, Croydon Park; G. D'Angelo, Maroubra; K. Small, Earlwood; A. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; C. Laws, Kings Cross; A. Lovrich, Lewisham; M. Mrsic, Paddington; G. Muchino, Wilson (WA).

80 points: J. Durbock, E. Melb.; V. Horacek, Darlington; T. Zafiris, Goodwood (SA); J. Havas, Bondi, V. Voncina, Wiley Park; T. Surija, Woodside (SA); J. Boulas, Mascot; A. Angelosante, Marrickville; B. Smith, Grays Point; R. Huber, Ashfield; S. Czipcer, Valley (Q.); B. Cortiana, Haberfield; C. Pappas, Rivervwood; F. Abbruzzo, Dee Why; F. Caruzzo, Graceville (Qld.); B. Cortiana, Haberfield; L. Crema, Bossley Park; Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; A. Falato, Paddington; F. Fragiaco, Myrtleford (Vic.); V. Munzone, Matraville; A. Nacarella, Marrickville; A. Rigoni, Manly; E. Saffigna, Noble P. (Vic.).

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Progress points

670 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood.

640 points: C. Laws, Kings Cross.

620 points: Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; A. Lovrich, Lewisham.

610 points: L. Crema, Bossley Park.

600 points: V. Crismale, Adelaide, (SA); J. Juric, Leichhardt.

590 points: S. Biazzo, Croydon.

580 points: G. Baracetti, Redfern; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; L. Cardarelli, Green Valley.

560 points: R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.); A. Nacarella, Marrickville; P. Tsoris, N. Adelaide.

550 points: R. Pizzecco, Niddrie (Vic.); L. Bordacs, N. Sydney.

540 points: V. Voncina, Wiley Park; C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall, M. Mrsic, Paddington.

530 points: F. Abbruzzo, Dee Why; S. Czipcer, Valley (Qld.).

520 points: G. D'Angelo, Maroubra; D. Dimitroff, Marrickville; R. Femia, Neutral Bay.

510 points: G. Bernhardt, Adamstown; V. Horacek, Darlington; S. Kaye, Brighton-le-Sands; R. Vellozzi, Wollongong (NSW).

500 points: V. Sallustio, Ashbury.

The last question of the immensely popular Alitalia-sponsored SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers' Contest appears this week.

Section 13 of the Contest deals with the forecast of six first round Australia Cup matches.

Coupons for Section 12 and 13 are published simultaneously on page 2 this week.

Deadline for Section 12 (the Victorian Dockey Cup Final) is 1 p.m. this Sunday, October 1.

Section 13 will appear again in our next issue and entries for these Australia Cup forecasts must be posted before 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 7.

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— By KEITH GILMOUR —

WITH THE AMATEURS

FINALS TO FIND "SUPER-CHAMPIONS"

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The first of the finals of the "Champion of Champions" competitions conducted by the Sydney Metropolitan Amateur FA will be played next Sunday at Macarthur Park and Allum Park.

Further finals will be played at the same grounds the following Sunday.

The Champion series is open to winning First Division clubs of each Association.

This year 100 teams entered, including winners from the Protestant Churches SFA.

The special series for District Representative teams will be played on October 15.

The series will culminate in three nights of floodlit football which will probably be played at Lidcombe Oval on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 19 to 21.

It is intended to feature the Under-18 series for the Young Australia Club Trophy at the beginning of the 1968 season.

Sydney officials have expressed surprise at the lack of spadework in country centres for the State amateur finals.

The attendances in Sydney far outstripped those in Newcastle and Illawarra.

The country centres now have a say in State-wide development of the code on an Cup final.

"OLD FIRM" IN K.O. CUP FINAL

Yugal and Melita Eagles qualified to meet Hakoah and Prague respectively in the semifinals next Sunday by winning their quarterfinal matches at Marks Field last Wednesday week under floodlights.

At Wentworth Park, on Sunday, Yugal meet Hakoah at 1.15 p.m., and at 3 p.m. Prague and Melita Eagles will clash.

The KO Cup final will be played 24 hours later, also at Wentworth Park.

Prague and Hakoah, the "old firm" of Sydney soccer, are our favorites to qualify for the final.

Our semifinal previews:

Yugal v.

Hakoah

Hakoah, specialists of the now defunct Federation Cup, which they won in 1959, 1961, 1963 and 1965, must start favorites to reach the final of yet another knock-out series.

Despite their unimpressive victory over Manly in the quarterfinals, Hakoah's superior defence should be able to handle Yugal's attack.

Hakoah have a score to settle with their Sunday opponents as it was Yugal who prevented them from qualifying for the final round-robin by holding them to a 1-1 draw in the last competition round.

Hakoah may get their revenge on Sunday, but it will be scant consolation for missing out on the final play-offs which gave them their greatest satisfaction last year.

Probable teams:

Hakoah: 1. Fuze; 2. Stewart, 3. Hillsdon; 4. Walsh, 5. Marnoch, 6. Yaager; 7. Holden, 8. Fekete, 9. Baartz, 10. Edmunds, 11. Jones.

Yugal: 1. Ljubic; 2. Crnich, 3. Pacanic; 4. Dunaj, 5. Banicevic, 6. Rafanelli; 7. J. Alagich, 8. Lalic, 9. Halpin, 10. Edwards, 11. Vesich (1).

Melita Eagles v.

Canterbury 2-1

Probably the best match of the series to date, this game was played at breakneck speed.

Melita Eagles' supporters, who made up most of the crowd of 800 at the double-header last Wednesday week, added a welcome touch of color and excitement to the evening by cheering their players on wildly and providing plenty of atmosphere.

Melita rose to the occasion and played one of their better games of the season, but Canterbury offered spirited opposition and were very much in the match until the final whistle.

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Hunter, Woods; Arrighi, Cilia, Hewlett; Reid (2), Bankhead, Azzopardi, Hutchison (Mulqueeney), Williams.

Canterbury: Demopoulos; Whitehead, Mucillo; Hardy, Sambrook, Gordon; Hoare, Galbraith, Rinos, Kauz (1), Clarke (Williamson).

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